House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 15 public bills, H.R. 5911–5925; and 13 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 336–338, and H. Res. 1155, 1158–1166, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows: H. Res. 964, to promote the safe operation of 15 passenger vans, with amendments (H. Rept. 110–608);

H.R. 3490, to transfer administrative jurisdiction of certain Federal lands from the Bureau of Land Management to the Bureau of Indian Affairs and to take such lands into trust for Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians of the Tuolumne Rancheria, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–609);

H.R. 3522, to ratify a conveyance of a portion of the Jicarilla Apache Reservation to Rio Arriba County, State of New Mexico, pursuant to the settlement of litigation between the Jicarilla Apache Nation and Rio Arriba County, State of New Mexico, to authorize issuance of a patent for said lands, and to change the exterior boundary of the Jicarilla Apache Reservation accordingly (H. Rept. 110–610);

S. 2457, to provide for extensions of leases of certain land by Mashantucket Pequot (Western) Tribe (H. Rept. 110–611);

H. Res. 1156, providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 493) to prohibit discrimination on the basis of genetic information with respect to health insurance and employment (H. Rept. 110–612); and

H. Res. 1157, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5522) to require the Secretary of Labor to issue interim and final occupational safety and health standards regarding worker exposure to combustible dust (H. Rept. 110–613).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Rick Larsen to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 12:48 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. Page H2768

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Dr. William Lloyd Birch, retired Baptist minister, Florence, South Carolina. Page H2768

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Providing for extensions of leases of certain land by Mashantucket Pequot (Western) Tribe: S. 2457, to provide for extensions of leases of certain land by Mashantucket Pequot (Western) Tribe—clearing the measure for the President; Pages H2769-70

Ratifying a conveyance of a portion of the Jicarilla Apache Reservation to Rio Arriba County, State of New Mexico, pursuant to the settlement of litigation between the Jicarilla Apache Nation and Rio Arriba County, State of New Mexico, to authorize issuance of a patent for said lands, and to change the exterior boundary of the Jicarilla Apache Reservation accordingly: H.R. 3522, to ratify a conveyance of a portion of the Jicarilla Apache Reservation to Rio Arriba County, State of New Mexico, pursuant to the settlement of litigation between the Jicarilla Apache Nation and Rio Arriba County, State of New Mexico, to authorize issuance of a patent for said lands, and to change the exterior boundary of the Jicarilla Apache Reservation accordingly; Pages H2770-71

Tuolumne Me-Wuk Land Transfer Act of 2007: H.R. 3490, amended, to transfer administrative jurisdiction of certain Federal lands from the Bureau of Land Management to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, to take such lands into trust for Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians of the Tuolumne Rancheria;

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Honoring the life and legacy of Chief Standing Bear, a pioneer in civil rights for Native Americans, on the 100th anniversary of Chief Standing Bear's death: H. Res. 1043, to honor the life and legacy of Chief Standing Bear, a pioneer in civil rights for Native Americans, on the 100th anniversary of Chief Standing Bear's death; Pages H2772-73

Consolidated Natural Resources Act of 2008: S. 2739, to authorize certain programs and activities in the Department of the Interior, the Forest Service, and the Department of Energy, to implement further the Act approving the Covenant to Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Political Union with the United States of America, and to amend the Compact of Free Association Amendments Act of 2003, by a ²/₃ yea-and-nay vote of 291 yeas to 117 nays, Roll No. 226—clearing the measure for the President; Pages H2773-H2814, H2830

Supporting the goals and ideals of Financial Literacy Month 2008: H. Res. 1079, to support the goals and ideals of Financial Literacy Month 2008, by a ²/₃ yea-and-nay vote of 402 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 224; Pages H2814–20, H2828–29

Financial Consumer Hotline Act of 2007: H.R. 4332, to amend the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council Act to require the Council to

establish a single telephone number that consumers with complaints or inquiries could call and be routed to the appropriate Federal banking agency or State bank supervisor, by a ²/₃ yea-and-nay vote of 408 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 225;

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Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that there should be established a National Watermelon Month: H. Res. 578, amended, to express the sense of the House of Representatives that there should be established a National Watermelon Month;

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Expressing support for designation of March 11, 2008, as "National Funeral Director and Mortician Recognition Day": H. Res. 892, amended, to express support for designation of March 11, 2008 as "National Funeral Director and Mortician Recognition Day";

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "Expressing support for designation of a 'National Funeral Director and Mortician Recognition Day'.".

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Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that public servants should be commended for their dedication and continued service to the Nation during Public Service Recognition Week, May 5 through 11, 2008: H. Res. 1073, to express the sense of the House of Representatives that public servants should be commended for their dedication and continued service to the Nation during Public Service Recognition Week, May 5 through 11, 2008;

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Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that there should be established a National Letter Carriers Appreciation Day: H. Res. 49, to express the sense of the House of Representatives that there should be established a National Letter Carriers Appreciation Day; and Pages H2825-27

Corporal Bradley T. Arms Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 5631, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1155 Seminole Trail in Charlottesville, Virginia, as the "Corporal Bradley T. Arms Post Office Building".

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Privileged Message: The House received a privileged message from the Senate requesting that the House return to the Senate the bill H.R. 493, to prohibit discrimination on the basis of genetic information with respect to health insurance and employment.

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Recess: The House recessed at 4:18 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. Page H2828

Intent to Offer Motion to Instruct Conferees: Representative Flake gave notice of his intent to offer a motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 2419, Food and Energy Security Act of 2007. Page H2828

Intent to Offer Motion to Instruct Conferees: Representative Ryan (WI) gave notice of his intent to offer a motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 2419, Food and Energy Security Act of 2007 Page H2830

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today and messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on pages H2768 and H2828.

Senate Referrals: S. 2829 was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; S. Con. Res. 74 was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs; and S. 2929 was held at the desk.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2828–29, H2829, and H2830. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 10:24 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense/Select Intelligence Oversight Panel met in executive session to hold a hearing on the Military Intelligence Program. Testimony was heard from James R. Clapper, Jr., Under Secretary, Intelligence, Department of Defense.

HEPARIN DISASTER

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "The Heparin Disaster: Chinese Counterfeits and American Failures." Testimony was heard from Janet Woodcock, M.D. Director, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—DEFENSE DEPARTMENT ACQUISITIONS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and the Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs held a joint hearing on Oversight of Defense Department Acquisitions. Testimony was heard from Michael J. Sullivan, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, GAO; and from the following officials of the Department of Defense: David Patterson, Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Comptroller; and James Finley, Deputy Under Secretary, Acquisition and Technology.